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SUBJECT: MEETING BETWEEN AMBASSADORS NICOALE AND WOLFF

1. ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR NICOLAE CALLED ON DEPUTY STR
AMBASSADOR WOLFF ON DECEMBER 20 TO DISCUSS THE INTER-
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN BILATERAL AND MTN TRADE DISCUSSIONS.

2. NICOLAE NOTED THAT ROMANIA'S MTN DEL HAD BEEN INFORMED
THAT THE U.S. WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER INTO TARIFF
NEGOTIATIONS WITH ROMANIA IN THE GATT OR THE MTN, BECAUSE
OF THE U.S. INVOCATION OF GATT ARTICLE XXXV. NICOLAE
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EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HOLDING DISCUSSIONS ON ROMANIA'S
AGRICULTURAL TARIFF INTERESTS BILATERALLY IN WASHINGTON.

3. WOLFF RESPONDED THAT U.S. WOULD BE MAKING FORMAL
OFFERS IN GENEVA DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 15. AS
ROMANIA IS NOT A PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF ANY OF THE NINE
ITEMS ON ITS AGRICULTURE REQUEST LIST, THE U.S. WILL FIRST

WANT TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH PRINCIPAL SUPPLIERS. IN
PARALLEL WITH SUCH DISCUSSIONS, U.S. WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET
WITH ROMANIANS IN WASHINGTON.

4. WOLFF NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES
COULD GO FORWARD IN GENEVA UNDER PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED

THERE. STR IS PROVIDING ROMANIAN EMBASSY WITH U.S.
REQUEST LIST RECENTLY TABLED IN GENEVA.

5. BECAUSE PRESIDENTIAL DETERMINATION ON THREE YEAR EX-
TENSION OF BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT MUST BE MADE BY
JUNE 2, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DETERMINE BEFORE THEN
WHETHER ROMANIA HAS SATISFACTORILY RECIPROCATED U.S. CON-
CESSIONS IN THE MTN. IT WAS AGREED, THEREFORE, THAT BI-
LATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ROMANIAN TARIFF REQUESTS WILL TAKE
PLACE IN LATE FEBRUARY OR MARCH AND THAT NTM DISCUSSIONS
IN GENEVA SHOULD GO FORWARD EARLY NEXT YEAR BEARING THIS
DATE IN MIND.

6. NICOLAE NOTED THAT DISCUSSIONS ON THE ROMANIAN TARIFF
HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN GENEVA. AT WOLFF'S SUGGESTION HE
AGREED THAT SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN WASH-
INGTON ON THE OCCASION OF BILATERAL TARIFF TALKS.

7. SIMILAR GROUND COVERED IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH DAS
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BARRACLOUGH AT STATE DEPARTMENT ON SAME DATE. BARRACLOUGH
NOTED THAT AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRINCIPAL
SUPPLIERS MAY NOT BE COMPLETE BY LATE MAY BUT THAT IT
WOULD BE USEFUL TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS AS PROMPTLY AS POSS-
IBLE IN ANY CASE. VANCE

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